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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**AUTHORIZATION TO ACCEPT AND IMPLEMENT A FORTHCOMING SUBAWARD FROM THE
REGENTS OF THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES TO CONDUCT A STUDY
REGARDING THE HUMAN PAPILLOMA VIRUS VACCINATION FOR THE ESTIMATED TERM OF
DECEMBER 1, 2011 THROUGH NOVEMBER 30, 2012
(ALL SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Authorization to accept and implement a forthcoming Subaward from the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles to conduct a study to identify and develop evidence-based interventions to increase Human Papilloma Virus vaccine uptake in low income and ethnic minority populations, and future awards and/or amendments.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD:

1. Delegate authority to the Director of the Department of Public Health (DPH), or his designee, to accept and implement a forthcoming Subaward from the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA), for the estimated term of December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012, at an estimated amount of \$200,000, to conduct a study to identify and develop evidence-based interventions to increase Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) vaccine acceptability and access, especially for high risk groups, subject to review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the Chief Executive Office (CEO).
2. Delegate authority to the Director of DPH, or his designee, to accept future awards and/or amendments that are consistent with the requirements of the Subaward that extend the term for four additional years; reflect non-material and/or ministerial revisions to the award's terms and conditions; allow for the rollover of unspent funds and/or redirection of funds; and/or provide for an increase or decrease in funding up to 25 percent above or below each term's annual base amount; subject to

review and approval by County Counsel, and notification to your Board and the CEO.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will allow DPH to accept funding from UCLA to conduct a study to identify and develop evidence-based interventions to increase HPV vaccine acceptability and access, especially for high risk groups. The recent availability of HPV vaccines represents a landmark breakthrough in the primary prevention of cervical cancer, a major cause of morbidity and mortality in the United States. However, in order to derive a population benefit, it is critical to achieve widespread utilization, particularly among the highest risk groups. Despite clear guidelines from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, HPV vaccine uptake in the United States remains relatively low.

The primary goal of the study to be conducted by DPH's Office of Women's Health (OWH) is to evaluate, in a randomized trial, a theoretically based, culturally sensitive, and individually tailored intervention to increase HPV vaccine receipt among underserved, high risk young adults in Los Angeles County. The intervention will be delivered in six languages (English, Spanish, Cantonese, Mandarin, Vietnamese, and Korean) via the existing OWH telephone education and service referral hotline. The multi-component intervention, directed at mothers of age-eligible young adults (11-18 years) will consist of a brief telephone intervention that will deliver basic HPV vaccine information, individually tailored messages to address callers' barriers to HPV vaccination, and tailored referral to a clinic offering low cost/free vaccine. Tailored print materials reinforcing the telephone messages will also be mailed to participants. If the intervention is found to be effective, services will continue to be provided via the hotline.

Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The recommended actions support Goal 4, Health and Mental Health, of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

DPH anticipates receiving a Subaward from UCLA for the estimated term of December 1, 2011 through November 30, 2012, at an estimated amount of \$200,000, and annual funding for an additional four years, at amounts to be determined by UCLA. Funds will support personnel costs related to conducting the study.

Funding will be included in future FYs, as necessary.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Since 1980, UCLA has partnered closely with DPH on multiple projects to address cancer disparities among underserved populations. DPH's OWH has been involved in cervical cancer prevention and research for the past ten years. Cervical cancer control is a central goal of OWH because its target population represents a high risk group.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

Approval of the recommended actions will increase awareness of and access to the HPV vaccine,

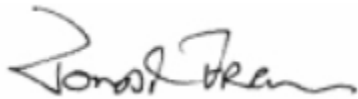
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contributing to cervical cancer prevention efforts and potentially saving millions of dollars in diagnosis and treatment costs in Los Angeles County.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Jonathan E. Fielding". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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